



# GISCOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sept 12, 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S / VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We wanted to express our sincere thank you to all the students, parents and staff who have made Mr. Schwartz's arrival to Giscome a very warm and welcoming experience!

It has been so wonderful to see all the excited faces returning back to Giscome Elementary this past week. Mr. Schwartz has been taking time and getting to know everyone and build those relationships and school expectations.

Our current student enrollment is at 28 students with 13 students in the Kindergarten – Grade 3 class and 15 students in the Grade 4 – Grade 7 class.

If you know your child will be away, please call the school (250) 568-2204 so that we can properly document their absence. As a reminder, the weather is changing and it is feeling more like autumn. Please send extra clothes (e.g., A hoodie / sweater, warmer legging etc.).

Also, the challenges when we have the rain or morning dew is that it carries in a lot of extra mess on our shoes. Therefore, all students must have a pair of indoor shoes at school. Thank you.

Interested parents are encouraged to attend the first PAC meeting of this school year on Tuesday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 a.m. Plan on a 60 minute commitment.

Yours truly,  
Sarah Petrisor (Principal) & Jason Schwartz (Vice Principal)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 16 – 20 – Canfor Trades Trailer - Woodworking

Sept 17- Grades 4 - 7 Trip – Two Rivers Gallery

Sept 17 – PAC Meeting

Sep 26 – Terry Fox Run

Sep 26 – Open House 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Sep 27 – Non-Instructional Day

Sep 30 – Orange Shirt Day

Oct 2 – Grade 6 Immunizations

Oct 3 – School Photos

Oct 14 – Thanksgiving holiday

Oct 21 – 24 – Early Dismissal for Student led Conferences (1:00 p.m.)

Oct 25 – NID-no school for students

## GISCOME STAFF

Mrs. Petrisor

Principal

Mr. Schwartz

Vice Principal

## Teaching Staff:

Mr. Maclise

Kindergarten – Grade 3

Mr. Schwartz

Grade 4 – 7

Mr. Hooker

Art, Drama, Music,  
Careers, Science, Social  
Studies

## Support Staff:

Mrs. MacDonald

Education Assistant

Mrs. Giesbrecht

Education Assistant

## BELL SCHEDULE

8:05 Enter

8:10 Start school

9:45 Recess starts

10:00 Recess over

11:45 Bell - All to go out to play at this time

12:00 Lunch – students eat in their classrooms

2:02 Dismissal – Bus Time

## PARKING LOT

The drop off zone at the front entrance is meant for quick drop offs, if you need to chat with your child or assist them in leaving the vehicle we encourage parents to park in a parking spot if possible. **This area is shared with our busses for drop-off and pick-up purposes.**

## DOGS ON SCHOOL SITES

With the start of another school year, it is important for us to review our guidelines and procedures that support safe learning environments.

Unfortunately, last week, a terrible incident occurred, resulting in a young child being bitten

across the face by a dog on a leash. We all need to do whatever we can to ensure an incident like this does not happen again.

Please remember that under the School District 57's Administrative Procedures and Guidelines and Bylaw 2, animals in our school or on our property are not permitted without the pre-approved permission of the school Principal or designate and only for educational purposes. This approval does not supersede the regulations set under the city Bylaws.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work together to support safe spaces at school.

### **NUT ALLERGY ALERT REMINDER**

GISCOME is **NOT** a nut aware school.

However, at present, we do not have any parents who have indicated that their child has nut allergies. This could change in the future and the following are recommendations:



Please:

- Encourage your child to wash their hands before and after they eat.
- Remind your child not to share their food with others.

#### **Try these nut free snacks**

- Bear Paw's      Mr. Christie cookies
- Wagon Wheels      Fruit Roll-Ups
- Sunkist Real Fruit Snacks

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY**

There are several School District Policies that are informative for parents. I encourage parents to go to the link below and pay special attention to the following policies:

#### ***Policy 5131      District Code of Student Conduct***

##### ***PREAMBLE***

School District No. 57 (Prince George) believes that schools and school-related activities must provide a safe, caring and orderly environment for learning and working.

The District Code of Student Conduct formalizes the expectations for student behaviour that provide the best possible learning environment. Individual school codes of conduct are developed within this framework in a collaborative process that includes administration, staff, students and parent/guardian(s).

Students have the responsibility for conducting themselves in accordance with the codes of conduct established by the school district and by their schools.

#### ***Policy 6179      Acceptable Use of Networks***

##### ***PREAMBLE***

Access to electronic resources, including computer equipment, communications equipment, software, e-mail and the Internet provided by the district is a privilege, not a right. Students, employees, volunteers and others must use these resources appropriately and responsibly, and only for purposes that support the goals, objectives and activities prescribed by the school district.

#### ***Policy 3541.35      Winter Weather***

##### ***PREAMBLE***

School operational procedures and expectations regarding staff and student attendance during severe winter weather must be clarified.

#### ***Policy 3542.3      Healthy Food Choices in Schools***

##### ***PREAMBLE***

This policy reflects the Board's belief in the role that schools have to play in ensuring that students are offered food choices that are healthy and nutritious. This belief has evolved in light of research concerning the long-term impact of diet on children's health and well-being.

Good nutrition can promote brain development, increase immune function, raise self-esteem, reduce anxiety, depression and hyperactivity, increase attendance, increase cognitive development and reduce the risk of health problems such as those associated with obesity.

The policy outlines steps that must be taken in order to provide such healthy choices.

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Pages/default.aspx>

In addition, all students have been provided with a copy of **Emergency Procedure Terminology** and a copy of the **Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment: Fair Notice and Process** pamphlet.

#### **NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY-Sep 27th**

Friday, Sep 27th a Non-Instructional day, there will be no school for students on this day. Check out the link below from City of Prince George for a variety of activities for students on that day:

[www.princegeorge.ca/schoolbreaks](http://www.princegeorge.ca/schoolbreaks)